

**Oregon Health Authority
Opioid Crisis**

On February 14th, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the amount of \$6.6 million per year for two years to address the opioid crisis.

The purpose of the grant is to increase access to treatment and reduce unmet need for opioid use disorder treatment, while decreasing opioid overdose deaths through prevention, treatment, and recovery. The grant will continue to support the implementation of prescribing guidelines in health systems and clinical practices. In addition, the grant will supplement work with OHSU to increase the number of certified Medication Assisted Treatment providers, including nurse practitioners and physician assistants; work with coordinated care organizations to distribute naloxone kits to needle exchange programs; and expand peer supported recovery services for individuals in recovery supported housing.

No state matching funds are required, and the agency expects to need one limited duration position to meet the requirements of the grant.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.